

ABSTRACT

[0083] Methods and methods are provided for facilitating compliance with customs compliance in the importation of merchandise. Information related to an item of merchandise for import is entered and stored to a networked method. Parties to the import transaction are entered and stored to the method in association with the merchandise information. A network database is searched to obtain information related to the item of merchandise to obtain a classification of the merchandise. Parties involved in the transaction are notified of the classification results and may act upon the classification result. The information related to the import transaction, merchandise, classification and action of the parties is stored in a report for recordkeeping and to create an audit trail.